

# VOTE FOR THE FUTURE



## HOW TO VOTE

### Am I eligible to vote?

You can vote in the provincial election if:

- i. You are a Canadian Citizen;
- ii. You are at least 18 years of age;
- iii. You have resided in Nova Scotia for at least six months before the day the election is called (since January 17, 2021); and
- iv. You are registered to vote.

### How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote:

- Online at [electionsnovascotia.ca](http://electionsnovascotia.ca)
- At an Elections Nova Scotia returning office
- Or at a polling station

You can register in advance, or you can register on the day you intend to cast your ballot. Make sure to bring appropriate ID with you to register.

To check if you are on the list of electors, call Elections Nova Scotia at 1-800-565-1504 or TTY 1-866-774-7074.

### When can I vote?

Anytime you want! Continuous voting will be available at every returning office throughout the election period. You can register as a voter and/or cast your vote at any returning office in the province. Check [electionsnovascotia.ca](http://electionsnovascotia.ca) for returning office locations and hours.

### In the Advance Poll

Advance Polling Stations will be open for 7 days prior to Election Day. Check your Voter ID Card or [electionsnovascotia.ca](http://electionsnovascotia.ca) for the location of your Advance Polling Station.

### On Election Day - AUGUST 17

On Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling station, which you can find at [electionsnovascotia.ca](http://electionsnovascotia.ca) or on your Voter Information Card.

### What ID do I need to vote?

#### One of the following:

- Nova Scotia Driver's License
- Nova Scotia Identification Card
- Certificate of Indian Status Card

OR

#### Two of the following:

- Voter Information Card
- Letter of Confirmation
  - Student Card
  - Admissions Letter
- Statement of tuition fees
  - Health card
  - Canadian Passport
- Canadian Citizenship card
  - Canadian Forces ID
  - Birth certificate
- Social Insurance Card
- Old Age Security Card
- Vehicle or residence insurance policy
  - Personalized cheque
    - Credit card
    - Library card
  - Hospital bracelet
    - Bill
- Statement of Benefits

\*Both must have your full name

\*At least one must have your civic address.

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### I'm an out of province student.

#### Can I vote?

If you were a resident of Nova Scotia for the last 6 months, and are a Canadian Citizen at least 18 years of age, you can vote. Keep in mind that you can only vote in the province you consider your principle residence, and if you opt to vote in the Nova Scotia election you cannot vote in an election in your province of origin.

### Mail-in Voting

You can find the application for a mail-in ballot at [electionsnovascotia.ca](http://electionsnovascotia.ca). Don't forget to send in your form as soon as possible, as your ballot must be received by Election Day!

### I'm an international student.

#### Can I vote?

Only Canadian citizens are eligible to vote. The provincial government has a lot of influence on the lives of international students, such as deregulating differential fees and failing to offer health coverage during your first year of school. You can still engage in the election through canvassing, community outreach, and direct action with the Vote for the Future campaign!

### Accessibility Information

#### Are Returning Offices and Polling Stations in accessible buildings?

It is mandatory for all polling stations to have level access. If your polling station or returning office is not physically accessible to you, call your returning office to discuss alternative locations or a mail-in ballot.

#### Can I bring someone into the voting booth with me?

If you require assistance to mark your ballot, you may bring a friend to assist you. This friend could be a caregiver, parent, spouse, child, or any other friend or relation. You can also ask a deputy returning officer to assist you.

You will both be asked to sign a declaration before entering the voting booth.

#### I'm visually impaired. How can I cast my ballot?

Notify the election officer of your visual impairment and ask for the separate ballot template available to you.

#### Gender identification accessibility

On the voter registration form, you will be asked to identify as male or female. At this time, the collection of this data is required under the Nova Scotia Elections Act, and this section of the form cannot be left blank. If you do not feel comfortable making this selection, your form will be accepted if you check both boxes. If you would like to provide feedback on the collection of voter information data, you can email Elections Nova Scotia directly at [elections@novascotia.ca](mailto:elections@novascotia.ca), or email [campaigns@cfs-ns.ca](mailto:campaigns@cfs-ns.ca) to get involved in providing student feedback.